

Remarks

Applicants have canceled previously presented claims 65-69, 73 and 85 and added new claim 86. No new matter is added by way of this Amendment.

Support for new claim 86 is found in previously presented claims 57 and 78 and throughout the specification. Thus, no new matter has been added by way of the addition of this claim.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 57-64, 70-72, 74-84 and 86, drawn to a method for treatment or prevention of conditions or diseases, without traverse. Since support for new claim 86 is found in previously presented claims 57 and 78, which are part of Group I, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner accept that the new claim 86 be added to Group I. Applicants reserve the right to file the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed continuation or divisional application(s).

Species Elections

Responsive to the present Restriction Requirement, Applicants, in a good faith effort to expedite the prosecution of this application, hereby elect, without traverse, the species as described herein, without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected species in any later filed divisional or continuation application(s).

With respect to the species election of a condition or disease, Applicants hereby elect hypertriglyceridemia, with the understanding that, if claims that read on the elected species are patentable, the Examiner will expand the examination to the non-elected species as the Examiner is required to do. The elected species reads on previously presented claims 57-58, 63, 70-72, and 74-84, and new claim 86.

With respect to the species election of a compound of formula I, Applicants elect 1-methylnicotinamide hydrochloride, with the understanding that, if claims that read on the elected species are patentable, the Examiner will expand the examination to the non-elected species as the Examiner is required to do. The elected species reads on previously presented claims 57-64, 70-72 and 74-84, and new claim 86.

Summary

Early consideration and allowance of the claims in the present application is requested at the earliest possible time.

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